

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Fremont Hills, MO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL. Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Nelson attended the meeting virtually.

Guests in Attendance: Residents Susan Wilson and Jim Wilson

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager and Kay O'Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officer

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of March 1, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 1, 2023, special meeting minutes was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. Parvathaneni abstained as he was absent. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 16, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 16, 2023, closed session meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 28, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 28, 2023, special meeting minutes was made by Mills, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. Leeper abstained as she was absent. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 6, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 6, 2023, closed session meeting minutes was made by Parvathaneni, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Expenses to be Paid (O'Neill)

This report was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and expenses to be paid of \$18,994.07/general fund and \$19,205.24/sewer fund was made by West, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #351-2023/Ordinance #351-2023 Election Results Certification (O'Neill)

Bill #351-2023 was made a part of the board packet. Bill #351-2023, declaring the April 4, 2023, election results was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #351-2023 was made by Parvathaneni, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #351-2023 was made by West, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #351-2023 as Ordinance #351-2023, declaring election results, was made by Lowry, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

Oaths of Office for Newly-Elected Officials (O'Neill)

Susan Wilson and Randy West took their oaths of office. Nelson will be sworn in at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS**City Building (Nelson)**

The Request for Qualifications was made a part of the board packet. The ad will run in the April 25 edition of the Springfield News-Leader. The bid opening is set for May 15 at 3 p.m. The committee will review the bids and interview if necessary. Awarding of the builder will need approval from the board, which may require a special meeting. The committee expressed to Nate their concerns about the project being overengineered. He does not think the cost to modify the plans will be substantial (that cost will be taken on by the City). The landscaping and parking lot have been incorporated into the RFQ.

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

All phases except Phase 6 have conduit and fiber, and splicing is complete. Phase 6 has 45% conduit. There are 37 homes ready for installation.

Ordinance Violation Committee (Lowry)

The committee met last week and discussed the nuisance ordinance. We are reviewing the ordinances to ensure sure there is consistent language and clarity. Lowry has not been able to connect with Haskins.

Community Shred Event (O'Neill)

The event is scheduled for June 10. Another communication will be sent to the residents prior to the event.

City Comprehensive Plan (Davis)

Haskins has confirmed that we can proceed with creating our own comprehensive plan. There is a state statute that outlines what needs to be included in the plan—we can create it if we are within the guidelines. Batson and West will conduct research and work on putting it together.

Traffic/ Speed Study (Batson)

A speed counter was placed on Calabash Street--we should have the results by the next meeting. Batson has not received an answer from SMOG regarding a study for the 12th and 14th additions. There needs to be a minimum speed to do a study—since there is a bump in road might, that might not be possible. We get one free study per year, with additional studies at \$50 each. After we see the data from the Calabash study, we will determine if we need to do additional studies.

Proposed Ordinance Pertaining to Street Repairs (Batson)

The Planning & Zoning Commission has met and discussed the proposed street repair changes. Batson pulled the technical specifications from the City of Ozark which are useful for us—the commission is proposing these specs be added to the Infrastructure Code. The next steps are to hold a public hearing on May 18 and go to the board for approval in the form of an ordinance. This will give us more jurisdiction over utilities doing work in the City. We have the right to make utilities obtain a permit and paid bonding.

Cassidy Lift Station Fence Repairs (Batson)

The fence repairs were completed yesterday—the only items left are minimal work on the inside and minimal cleanup. We should be within the \$3,000 that the board approved. Staining will occur this summer.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update (Batson)

The plant is currently 40-50,000 gallons over due to the water table. When the water table is over, we take in 20,000 gallons of groundwater. When it is drier, Batson will be able to repair the manhole that has a leak.

CWERG Engineering Update (Batson)

No update.

NEW BUSINESS**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) Legal. A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) Legal was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, West, and Wilson—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Lowry, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer